

## 09 May 2022: PIB Summary for UPSC

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### 1. PM bows to Gurudev Tagore on his Jayanti

**Syllabus: GS:1: Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present – significant events, personalities, issues.**

**Mains: Role of significant personalities in shaping our history and culture.**

- Gurudev Tagore Jayanti was celebrated on 9th May 2022. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this occasion tweeted and expressed his respect toward Gurudev.
- In his tweet, PM Modi mentioned how Gurudev inspired millions of people and is a source of inspiration. He also mentioned that Gurudev was always dedicated to education, learning, and social empowerment and India is also walking on his path.

**Know more about [Rabindranath Tagore](#) in the link.**

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### 2. PM pays tributes to Gopal Krishna Gokhale on his birth anniversary

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- In tributes to Gokhale on his birth anniversary on [9th May](#) 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted that his contribution to our freedom struggle is unforgettable.
- His unwavering commitment to democratic principles and social empowerment keeps motivating us.

### 3. PM pays tributes to Maharana Pratap on his Jayanti

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- Remembering Maharana Pratap on his Jayanti on 9th May 2022, PM Modi paid tribute to him and said that Maharana Pratap, feted for his brave resistance to the Mughals, is synonymous with bravery and valour.
- The story of his courage and struggle will always inspire people.

**Video link:** <https://youtu.be/GNTprPKCTTo>

### 4. SECI signs MoU with MHA to set up Solar Energy panels

**Syllabus:** GS-3: Ecology and Environment: Conservation, environmental pollution, and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

**Prelims:** MoU between SECI and Ministry of Home Affairs.

**Context:**

- In a bid to promote renewable energy, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) signed an MoU to install solar energy panels on the campuses of the CAPFs and the National Security Guard (NSG).

**What is SECI?**

- Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) is a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- Its major functions include:
  - Promotion and development of renewable energy.
  - Promotion and development of solar energy.
  - Trading of power.
  - Research and Development.

### What is the need for this MoU?

- The MoU underlines the government's commitment to a sustainable future.
  - The MoU will provide green power to the security forces of India.
  - It will promote the use of solar energy and also help in the development of renewable energy resources.
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## 5. NMCG Organises Webinar On Waste Water Management

**Syllabus: GS:3: Ecology and Environment: Conservation, environmental pollution, and degradation, environmental impact assessment.**

**Prelims: 5Rs concepts of circular economy**

**Mains: Measures to ensure Waste Water Management.**

### Context:

The [National Mission for Clean Ganga](#) organized a webinar on Waste Water Management 6th Edition of the monthly 'Webinar with Universities' series on 'Igniting Young Minds, Rejuvenating Rivers' in May 2022.

### Theme:

The theme of the webinar was Waste Water Management.

### What is the need for water waste management?

- Water is a key natural resource and climate change is posing a great challenge to water security and creating various issues across the country.
- It is the need of the hour to find an optimum solution for issues in water management so that the next generation won't suffer.

### Initiatives taken for water management:

- Prime Minister launched the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in 2014 which achieved a lot of success.
- In 2019, different departments dealing with the issues of water were merged into Jal Shakti Ministry for a holistic solution to the issues.

- Jal Shakti Abhiyan I and Jal Shakti Abhiyan II were launched with the objectives of water conservation, rainwater harvesting, creation of assets, and awareness generation.

**Steps to be taken:****Reuse of Water:**

- Agriculture consumes more than 80% of the water resources.
- The reuse of treated water for non-potable purposes like agriculture is the need of the hour to ensure that the next generation gets water.

**Treated Water:**

- Arth Ganga project under the Namami Gange program focuses on treated water.
- Under Namami Gange, 164 Sewage Water Treatment Plants have been constructed. It helps in saving freshwater resources.

**5 Rs of Circular Economy:**

- The focus should be on the 5 Rs of Circular Economy that is Reducing Wastage, Recycling Water, Reusing Water, Rejuvenating Rivers, and most importantly, Respecting Water.

**Role of Youth:**

- The young generation has to take initiative to keep the water clean. Ganga not only has spiritual and cultural significance, but it also provides certain economic and social benefits.
- The youth should understand this and create awareness about the importance of the Ganga and other water resources.
- It is the responsibility of young leaders to make Namami Gange a people's movement.

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**6. NEHHDC and Etsy sign an MoU to support small and traditional artisans from the North East**

**Syllabus: GS 3: Indian Economy: Issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development, and employment.**

**Prelims: MoU between Etsy and NEHHDC.**

**Mains: Growth and employment for small and traditional artisans.**

**Context:**

Etsy has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation (NEHHDC).

**About Etsy:**

- Etsy is a global marketplace for unique and creative goods. It's home to a universe of special extraordinary items, from unique handcrafted pieces to vintage treasures.
- It is headquartered in Brooklyn, New York. It operates a two-sided marketplace where the sellers connect with different buyers across the world.
- Its mission is to keep human connection at the heart of commerce and provide power and technology to strengthen the communities and empower people.

**About NEHHDC:**

- North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation (NEHHDC) was incorporated in 1977.

**Goals:**

- The organization's goals include:
  - To develop and promote the indigenous crafts of the region by connecting craftsmen to prospective markets and consumers.
  - To generate economic, cultural, and social opportunities for creators while adding cultural value for consumers.
- The corporation is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER), the Government of India.
- It offers a range of products from all the eight North-Eastern states namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura.

**Role of the organization:**

- The organization procures handicrafts and handlooms from artisans and weavers across the region and retails the same through its chain of "Purbashree" Emporia located at Shillong, Guwahati, Kolkata, New Delhi, Bangalore, and a Sales Promotion Office at Chennai.
- Moreover, it promotes the products at various national and international markets through exhibitions and trade fairs.
- The Corporation also conducts training programs and seminars for skill and knowledge up-gradation of the artisans and weavers.

**The MoU between Etsy and NEHHDC:**

- According to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Etsy will collaborate with the NEHHDC to generate enablement programs for artists in the North East, including modules on online selling and entrepreneurship, as well as the possibility to offer their items to a wider market.

**Who can be the participants:**

- Artisans from all eight North-Eastern states namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura will be onboarded onto Etsy.

**Significance of the MoU:****Provide a marketplace:**

- There are around 21 lakh weavers and 14.5 lakh artisans in the region, but there has been a lack of market connectivity.
- This partnership with Etsy has the potential to be a game-changer for our craftsmen, allowing them to explore entrepreneurship on their own terms and reach both domestic and international buyers.

**Products can be sold online:**

- This cooperation will enable indigenous products from the area (including textiles, cane and bamboo products, accessories, and more) to be sold online to millions of Etsy shoppers.

**Free Credits:**

- As part of the scheme, the craftsmen will receive a set number of free ad credits.

**Resources, training, and support:**

- The association's goal is to provide vital tools and resources to craftsmen, creators, and small entrepreneurs in the Indian handicrafts sector, so they can start and maintain internet companies.
- It will provide these merchants with digital enablement services and hold training workshops to familiarize them with Etsy and how to sell on the platform.

**Made in India:**

- It will help in making the Made in India products available across the world and showcase the beauty, intricacies, and quality of art to the world.

